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Plymouth commissioners consider paid parking

Visiting downtown Plymouth may soon come with a parking fee.

Members of the Plymouth City Commission voted 5-2 to pursue a plan to implement a paid parking system during their regular meeting Nov. 21.

Commissioners Alanna Maguire and Linda Filipczak cast the no votes on the proposal and voiced their concerns regarding the impact of paid parking on businesses in the community.

Maguire said the proposal could be costly for employees at local businesses or volunteers at the historical museum, many of whom are low-income or on a fixed income.

Filipczak noted that local businesses were against the plan which could drive customers to nearby Canton or Northville to shop or dine. She said she felt the paid parking would be a detriment to the character of downtown Plymouth.

Mayor Nick Muroz, however, explained that funding to maintain the current parking was not adequate from current property taxes from local business. Commission member Marques Thomey cited a recent report which found costs to maintain the central parking deck for the next 20 years would be $3.1 million. Several commissioners agreed that the current city funding is not sufficient to repair and maintain the parking deck.

A plan to allow free parking on some city streets and paid parking on others met with criticism from those in attendance at the meeting. One business owner said such a system would be harmful as one business could have free parking for employees, while another would not.

No final decision on the plan was made and the commissioners' review of the study will be discussed prior to any further implementation.

Community mourns death of beloved area veterinarian

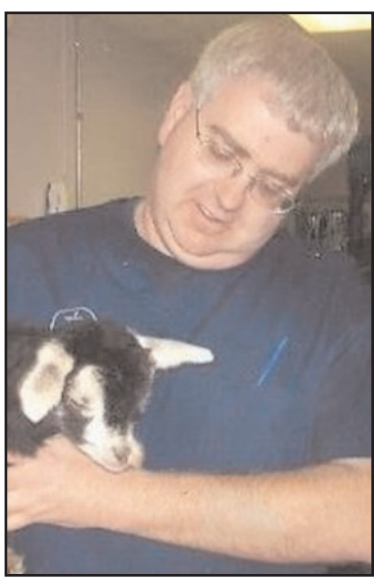
The death of Dr. John Hermann in a vehicle accident changed the lives of many area residents who continue to mourn his loss.

Dr. Hermann, 53, an Inkster resident, was killed in Van Buren Township Dec. 4 when his vehicle crossed the center line and struck another car. Dr. Hermann owned a mobile vet clinic based in Westland. He traveled throughout the area making "house calls" providing care to beloved pets and animals. A 1993 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, he often said the mobile clinic helped him reach and help as many people as possible.

Dr. Hermann was born in Royal Oak on June 14,1969 and his family moved to Pennsylvania in 1981. After his graduation with honors from Holy Ghost Preparatory School in Bensalem, PA he entered the veterinary school of medicine at Michigan State as a junior where he completed the eight-year course in six years. He then began his career with the Kershaw Animal Hospital before opening the mobile clinic with his long-time assistant, Heather Doud, and 28 employees.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Hermann's mobile veterinary van practiced throughout the area, often visiting Tractor Supply, pet stores and pet grooming facilities to offer low-cost medical help for animals. He treated both domestic pets and farm animals and was well-known to many small farmers in the area. Dr. Hermann was generous with his time and donations and treated animals at the Romulus, Trenton, Woodhaven, Taylor and Trenton shelters. He participated in 4H, rescue animals and community pet vaccination drives, earning him countless awards for his voluntary work. His family said he would always send one of his team to receive the award to avoid publicity.

Dr. Hermann had a deep, intrinsic love of animals, his family said, and was once caught with baby chicks he had hatched in his bedroom. He studied to become a stockbroker in his time away from his veterinary practice and eventually turned into real estate and home rentals, buying homes in his community. Dr. Hermann was also an avid gardener and won several blue ribbons from the Snipes Garden Center for his vegetables. The side lot of his Inkster home became a vegetable garden, and he purchased a lot across the street to enlarge his garden. He gave the vegetables to friends and neighbors who repaid him with samples of the canned produce.



Dr. John Hermann

His family said Dr. Hermann's gregarious nature and laugh were contagious.

Among his survivors are his parents, John and Barbara Hermann of Yardley, PA; his brothers, Dr. Jeffrey Hermann, Hummelstown, PA and Michael Hermann (Maria) of

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Northville library discontinues charges for late returns

The Northville District Library no longer charges late or overdue fees for nearly the entire collection of items.

Members of the board of trustees voted in favor of a fine-free service model at their October meeting and the no fee policy began last month. All previously accrued overdue fines will also be waived, library officials said.

"By taking this step, the Northville District Library will remain in line with trends in modern public library service and become even more welcoming and convenient for all members of the community to use," said Library Director Laura Mancini. "Anyone who has stopped visiting the library due to an accumulation of overdue fines, or who has been holding on to overdue items for a very long time, is encouraged to return to the Northville District Library."

Research has shown that going fine-free eliminates barriers to library usage and encourages people to return borrowed materials they previously kept in order to avoid paying fines, Mancini said. The trend has been increasing in Michigan for several years. In early 2020 the Detroit Free Press reported that more than 60 Michigan libraries were phasing out the practice of collecting late fines for overdue books and materials. In 2022 the Michigan Public Libraries Annual Report, which is published by the Library of Michigan, had the number up to 173 - nearly triple what it was before the COVID-19 pandemic began, when many public libraries suspended the collection of fines, she added.

Eliminating overdue fines does not mean that materials can be checked out indefinitely, however, and patrons who lose or damage materials they've borrowed will still be responsible for replacement fees. Most items from the library collection automatically renew twice as long as there are no holds, but if they're not returned in a timely manner patrons will be asked to pay a lost item fee.

"It's hard to tell how many long overdue items are out there," said Maria Williams, assistant library director. "After they're gone for a long time, we remove them from the catalog. But sometimes lost items show up in donations to the Friends of the Library. Or when people clean out their basements. Or move houses. No matter how long they've been gone, we're always happy to have the items - and our patrons - come back. We waive lost item fees if the item is returned in good shape."

In March of 2020 when public libraries across the state closed during the early days of the pandemic, suspending fines was a logical step, the librarians agreed. If patrons could not visit the library to return their items, how could they possibly pay fines? When libraries reopened, keeping fines suspended seemed like an easy way to reduce the need for a potentially risky face-to-face interaction. It also made things a little easier for patrons and staff members during an abnormally difficult time.

"It turned out to be a great accidental experiment in going fine-free," said Williams. "Patrons did not treat their library items differently and keep them forever just because

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Westland police have arrested the suspected driver who seriously injured a 15-year-old John Glenn High School student in a hit and run accident.

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Canton

Holidays in Heritage Park light display continues

A holiday tradition welcomes visitors in Canton Township as Holidays in Heritage Park continues through Dec. 31.

The seasonal light display and decorations are installed around the large pond in Heritage Park for the event which has become a popular holiday attraction. Area residents can stroll through the park with family and friends enjoying holiday light displays including reindeer, snowflakes, elves and others.

"Canton is excited to provide some extra holiday cheer by bringing back our seasonal lights that will be on display every evening from 5 to 8:30 p.m. through Dec. 31," stated Laura Mortier, recreation supervisor. "We're happy to hear that Holidays in Heritage Park is already becoming an annual tradition and holiday experience that anyone can enjoy, as we continue to add more and more festive displays to this illuminated area each year."

All ages are welcome to stroll through the park and enjoy the twinkling lights of the season in Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton, MI 48188.

For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Happy shoppers

Members of the Canton Township Fire Department teamed up with Meijer again this year to host the annual Shop with a Firefighter event. This annual event is a tradition that brings holiday happiness to families throughout the township as youngsters shop for holiday gifts for family members, all funded by donations. The event, a spokesman said, "has become fulfilling and rewarding for the firefighters as it brings joy and smiles to the faces of all of those involved." The donation drive and shopping trip is organized by the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation.

Free mental health workshops scheduled in Canton

Canton Township Leisure Services is currently offering a free series of mental health workshops to help area residents learn important self-care skills. Participants in the Family First and Social Services Workshops will receive information and be introduced to practices that support mental well-being, according to Laura Mortier, Canton recreation supervisor.

"Our goal with these free workshops is to offer resources, as well as educational opportunities, so that individuals can find tools of support for themselves or ways to help support others," said Mortier. "These unique opportunities are designed to show and help participants learn how to nurture themselves and develop mindful self-care plans on a variety of topics.

These workshops are free and open to everyone meeting the age limit, with no residency requirement. All sessions will take place at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Scheduled workshops include: Suicide TALK: Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); QPR Training for Suicide Prevention: Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. (Ages 16 and up) and Understanding and Supporting Change: Monday, Feb. 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For additional information and to register for these and other free workshops, visit www.cantonfun.org/register or call (734) 394-5460.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 19, 2023 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Plymouth - Sumpter

Day of infamy

Plymouth veterans' groups host remembrance of Pearl Harbor deaths

The annual remembrance of those who lost their lives in the Dec. 7 attack at Pearl Harbor took place in Plymouth Township last week. During the 1941 attack, 2,000 American servicemen were killed, four battleships sunk and four others damaged, forcing the U.S. into World War II. Last week, members of Plymouth VFW Post 6695, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and American Legion Post 391, along with elected officials and community members gathered at the Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street for the remembrance ceremony. This year, one guest of honor was 97-year-old World War II veteran Donald Vaughn, at right in photo above at left, who was in high school on Dec. 7, 1941 and later served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1945.

Sumpter moving ahead on recreational project plans

Plans for the renovation and redesign of Banotai Park in Sumpter Township are moving forward following a 5-2 vote of the members of the board of trustees.

During the regular meeting of the board Nov. 22, the trustees approved an agreement with Hoppe Design to prepare a design and master plan for the 81.92 acre Banotai Park/Sherwood Pond at a fee of $28,000. Plans for the park and pond include a complete draining and construction at the pond, multiple amenities for public use, new entry and exit paths and several public recreational features. Members of the board heard preliminary suggestions and proposals for inclusion into the project at a meeting last fall.

Trustee Don LaPorte suggested that exact numbers be associated with each phase of the plan which includes major and reconstruction. Wayde Hoppe, who will prepare the plan, agreed that each phase would include the associated costs.

The board also discussed the plans for the fairgrounds project. Township Manager Tony Burdick explained during the study session preceding the regular meeting that this is a major project which could include tri-community involvement. He said this project, like the plans for Banotai Park, would be completed in several phases and will include multiple community amenities.

Burdick said a full report on the project would come before the board members during the Dec. 13 meeting.

LaPorte suggested that cost was a factor and that the board might be "putting the cart before the horse" by proceeding too soon with certain aspects of the project.

LaPorte also said he was concerned that the township is in need of a new township hall while the board is considering funds for parks and recreational projects.

Supervisor Tim Bowman, who has been a major supporter of the fairgrounds renovation project, said the entire board was in favor and supportive of the upgrades to the fairgrounds and that the completed facilities could be a revenue source for the township with rentals of the facilities. LaPorte suggested that perhaps the township should be considering the completion of the Banotai Park renovation and redesign or the fairgrounds project before proceeding with the other major work.

"Not in my mind," Bowman responded.

No votes were cast by Trustee Peggy Morgan and Trustee Matt Oddy.

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Romulus - Wayne

City water department plans random testing

Several Romulus homes will receive a visit from city employees during the next few weeks in an effort to determine the quality of residential water.

City Department of Public Service Director Roberto Scappaticci explained that this testing is a partnership with property owners to inspect water service lines in front of and inside their homes. The proactive measure is part of a Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) grant received by the city to inventory materials used in the water service lines to homes and businesses, Scappaticci explained.

The work will help identify, account for, and eventually eliminate any potential lead service lines at homes and businesses, he added. The DWAM grant is offered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and requires a certain number of randomly selected properties to be inspected. Physical inspections of water connections at the curb stop in front of the property and at the meter located inside, will allow inspectors to identify what materials were used during construction decades ago, Scappaticci said. During a time when a variety of materials were used during construction of water services lines in the city, lead materials were considered standard practice during time of installation.

The city has a long-standing history of providing safe drinking water to the residents and business owners of Romulus, and officials are committed to continue this practice with the help of residents, according to Scappaticci, who has been the director of the department since 2014. A simple inspection of the water service line material will assist city employees in determining if and where lead service lines exist in the system. These inspections will help with planning for replacement of any service lines that may exist.

Currently, the city water and sewer department manages the reading and maintaining of approximately 8,000 services in the city. The department is also responsible for new meter installations and maintains and repairs all the city-owned fire hydrants.

Randomly selected property owners will be receiving a letter explaining the program with instructions for scheduling an in-home inspection of the service line. It is required for the property owner to be present during this 5-to-10-minute inspection, Scappaticci said. For more information, contact the Romulus Department of Public Services at (734) 942-7579.

Roberto Scappaticci

Newly elected school board members seated

Voters selected four candidate to serve on the controversy plagued Romulus Community School District during voting Nov. 8.

One incumbent, Ursula L. Wester, was returned to office by voters garnering 3,022 or 15 percent of the votes cast on the school board portion of the ballot.

> *The top voter getter was Paris McCarthy, a girls basketball coach and educator.*

The top voter getter was Paris McCarthy, a girls basketball coach and educator, who received 3,289 or 16 percent of the votes. Porsche Laster won the favor of 3,058 or 15 percent of votes while Darcel C. Davis was the choice of 2,6711 or 13 percent of voters.

All four of the winning candidates were endorsed by both the Romulus Education Association, the union which represents teachers in the district, and the Michigan Education Association, which represents teachers throughout the state.

The former board members were targeted for recall following the abrupt firing of Superintendent of Schools Benjamin Edmondson. School board meetings became raucous as parents, teachers and students protested the board actions. Edmonson subsequently filed a lawsuit against the district claiming civil rights and whistleblower protection violations which has not yet been adjudicated.

Santa's helpers

The Romulus Police Officers Association and The Romulus Command Officers Association donated $1,000 and 10 bicycles to Grindline Training & Fitness (GTF) this month. GTF has adopted 60 local families for Christmas and business owners, Mark and Lisa Cox, Romulus residents, will be distributing meals and toys to local families this holiday season. A department spokesman said the donation was a gesture of thanks to residents who support the police officers during the year.

Holiday contest under way

The twinkling lights, the blow-up Santa or even the Grinch can all be nominated this year during the Romulus Holiday Home Decorating Contest, organized by the Romulus Recreation Department.

Homes can be nominated until Friday, Jan. 6 and there will be prizes for the first, second and third place winners who will be chosen by voting on the City of Romulus Facebook page.

To enter, send in a photo of the home, yours or a friend or neighbor's) with your phone number, along with the address of the home being nominated. If possible, include a phone number connected to the home being nominated. Upload the photos from your phone to: communityservices@romulusgov.com or send a direct message to the City of Romulus Facebook page.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (734) 955-4504.

All nominations are due by Friday, Dec. 16.

Wayne recount is completed

Mathew Mulholland remains the winner of the Wayne City Council seat for Ward Six in the city.

A recount of votes requested by losing candidate Phillip Wagner was completed last week. Wagner lost his seat to Mulholland during balloting Nov. 8. Wagner had served on the council since 2018.

The original vote count saw Mulholland with 2,085 votes and Wagner with 2,062, each at 50 percent of the votes cast for Ward Six during the election. Wagner requested the recount of the 23 vote difference. Upon completion of the recount, with all ballots counted, Mulholland received 2,087 and Wagner 2,061 a difference of two additional votes for Mulholland and one less vote for Wagner.

Wagner will be responsible for the expense of the recount procedure, according to city officials.

The recount was open to the public and took place in the Wayne City Council chambers at city hall.

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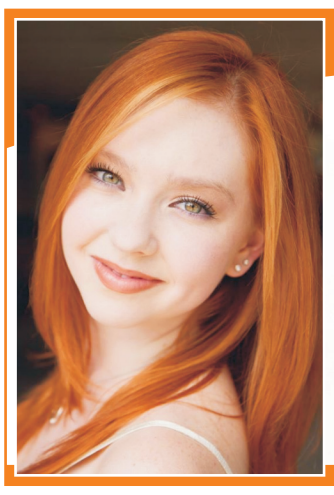

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Northville Township firefighters took time to review emergency entry techniques last week to ensure rapid access to blocked or locked buildings.

Township firefighters train for 'forced' entry emergencies

They weren't "forced" into the training, but both the newest members of the Northville Township Fire Department, along with a few of the oldest, attended special training recently.

The firefighters completed forcible entry (FE) training, the technique used by emergency responders to gain access to a structure where normal means of access is locked, blocked or non-existent. Entry could be a door, window or wall, officials said, and depending on the urgency and other factors in a response call, firefighters' often have to determine the level of destruction required. If more time is available, some techniques known as "through the lock" can be used to limit damage to property, officials added.

The importance of the forcible entry techniques is clear when it becomes necessary, a spokesman explained. Firefighters need to be confident and proficient with forcible entry techniques because of the nature of the incidents that require use. If urgent entry is required, it is typically for a structure fire or medical emergency with life safety implications, he added.

"When time is life, these skills are essential," he added.

Conversely, he noted, property conservation is also a priority of the responders, after life safety. Whenever possible, destruction is limited.

Northville Township fire engines carry a spectrum of forcible entry tools; light, medium, and heavy duty along with smaller tools used to manipulate locking and latching mechanisms, to aid entry in case of emergency response.

Library

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there were no fines, and it allowed our staff to focus on having friendly interactions with our patrons instead of haggling about a $2 fine."

Public library visits declined during the COVID-19 pandemic, but as the world returns to normal the Northville District Library leaders want to encourage patrons to return - and to bring their long overdue items with them. Any resident or property owner in the City or Township of Northville is eligible for a Library card at no charge. Non-residents who work or attend school in Northville are also eligible for a card upon verification of employment or school enrollment in the district.

For more information, visit the Northville District Library website at: northvillelibrary.org; or telephone the Library at (248) 349-3020. The library is also on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Spotify, Flickr, YouTube, and TikTok.

Children's Market set at Art House

Children can find something special for everyone on their holiday gift list at the special Children's Holiday Shopping Day at the Northville Art House.

The popular event will take place from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Art House located at 215 W .Cady St. in Northville. During the free event, children can purchase unique artwork and handcrafted gifts created by professional artists for their family and friends.

The collection, while supplies last, includes a variety of artwork, jewelry, home décor, holiday gifts and other items, all priced at $20 or less. Adults are asked to accompany their children at the Northville Art House. As shoppers wait for their purchases to be wrapped by volunteers, they can create their own holiday craft as well as enjoy cookies and hot cocoa.

At noon, Northville High School alumnus Jacob Maten, and fellow members of the men's a cappella group from Miami University in Ohio, will entertain visitors.

For more information on the Northville Art House, visit www.northvillearthouse. org or follow @Northville Art House on social media.

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Inkster - Westland

Suspect is arrested in hit and run incident

Westland police have arrested the driver who is suspected of seriously injuring a 15-year-old John Glenn High School student in a hit and run accident.

Gianna Mariah Harris, 28, of Ypsilanti was arraigned before Judge Mark McConnell in 18th District Court on a charge of failure to stop at the scene of a personal injury accident. McConnell ordered a $1,000 bond and that Harris wear an electronic monitor.

> *Administrators from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools said that a crisis team was available at John Glenn High School.*

The injured teen remains hospitalized at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, police said, with serious injuries sustained when a dark-colored compact SUV drove through a red light and struck her. The incident took place, police said, at about 6:46 a.m. Dec. 8 on Newburgh Road near the intersection of Marquette. The driver of the vehicle did not stop, but continued southbound on Newburgh Road, according to police reports.

In a prepared statement, police said the investigation findings would be turned over to the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor for a determination of charges.

Administrators from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools said that a crisis team was available at John Glenn High School to offer emotional support to students.

Police are still requesting anyone with information call investigators at (734) 722-9600.

Inkster seeks public input on recreation plan

City of Inkster officials want to hear what residents of the community would like to see as recreational opportunities.

Officials are currently compiling data for preparation of the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and have scheduled a public review period which will continue through Dec. 30.

The required 30-day public review and comment period began Dec. 1. Inkster officials are preparing the Five-Year Recreation Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements. When completed, this plan will serve as a guide for the development of community recreation facilities and programs during the next five years, officials said.

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Copies of the draft Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan are available for review during normal business hours at City Hall, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster. The draft plan may also be accessed at www.cityofinkster.com.

Inkster residents and stakeholders are asked to submit their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Planning Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Persons may also e-mail comments to Brigitte Smith, planner at bsmith@mcka.com. Comments will be received through noon, Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Responders should reference "Parks and Recreation Master Plan" in all correspondence.

Death

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Collegeville, PA and their three children, Andrew, Alex and Matthew, and a host of family members.

In a special remembrance, the quilt covering Dr. Hermann's coffin was one he commissioned of St. Francis of Assisi appearing with animals. The quilt was blessed with holy water from Assisi. Dr. Hermann had planned to display the work in his office.

In lieu of flowers, Dr. Hermann had several charities he supported, including: :

Holy Ghost Preparatory School, 2429 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA 19020, Phone: (215) 639-2102 https://www.holyghostprep.org/; St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard Livonia, MI, 48150 Phone: (734) 261-1455; Bed Bark & Beyond Animal Rescue https://bbbanimalrescue.com/; Romulus Animal Shelter

Taylor Animal Shelter https://www.cityoftaylor.com/220/Animal-Shelter; Monroe Animal Shelter; Woodhaven Trenton Animal; Shelter https://www.woodhavenmi.org/departments/animal_control/animal_shelter_-_adoptable_pets.php

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Griffin Funeral Home.

Library services available

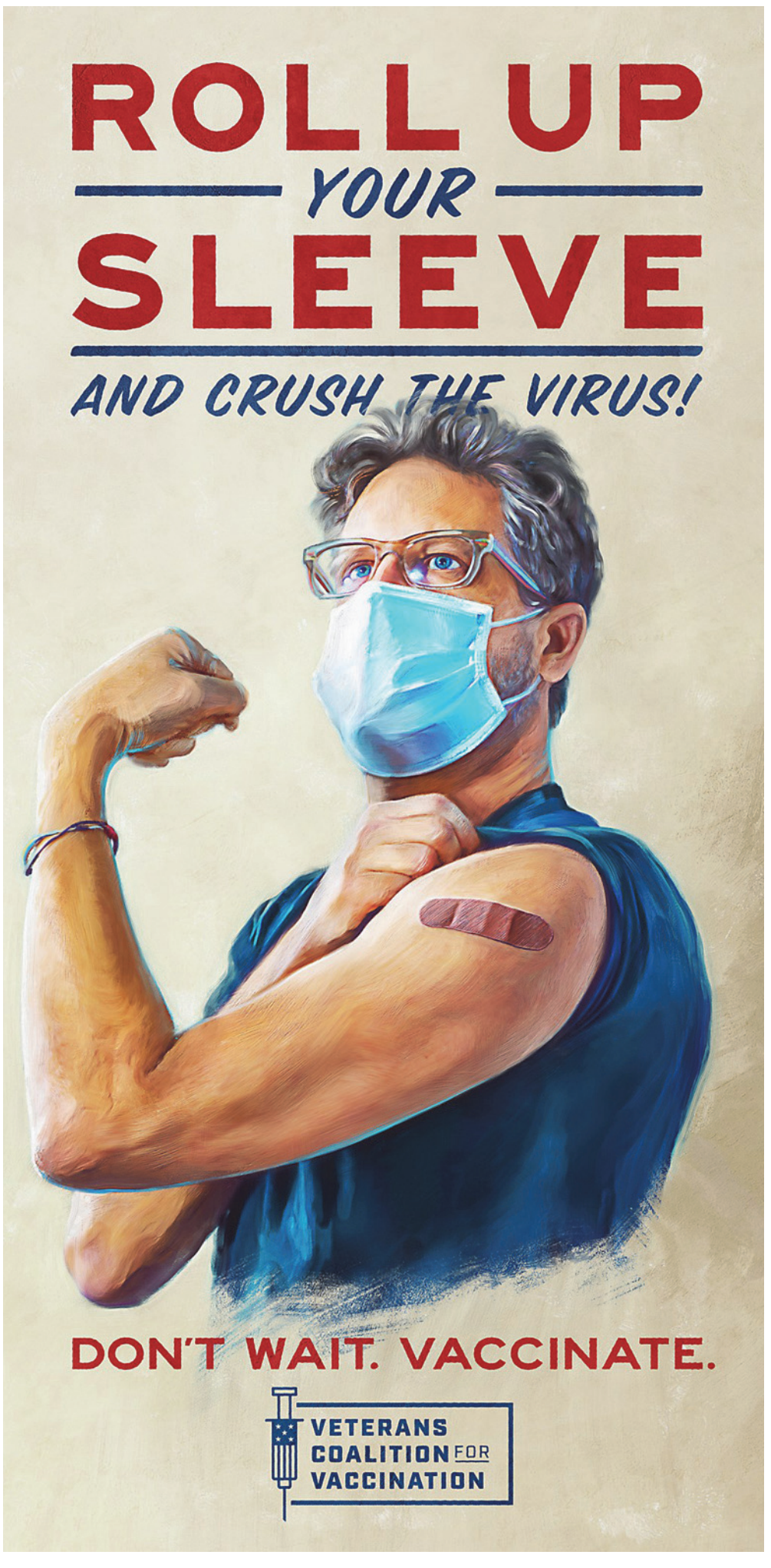
They are turning over a new leaf at the William Faust Public Library in Westland.

A planned $5.3 million renovation and expansion of the facility is now under way and will include the addition of 7,000 square feet to the building. The current location will remain closed to the public until a potential reopening of the remodeled facility next fall. While the library will remain closed at the current Central City Parkway location, services will be available beginning in late January at the former Marshall Upper Elementary School building on Bayview Street as construction continues.

While online services will continue without interruption, other services including loaning of books and materials will be available at nearby libraries include Canton Township, Garden City and Wayne. Officials said those facilities will honor a Westland library card during the project. Books can be checked out and computers used at those sites.

Among the planned improvements are gathering or meeting rooms. While the current library has two, the renovated building will have 11 gathering or meeting rooms. Those rooms will be open to the public use and will include video conference capabilities.

A new open layout, a programming room, new carpet and paint are all planned for the building.



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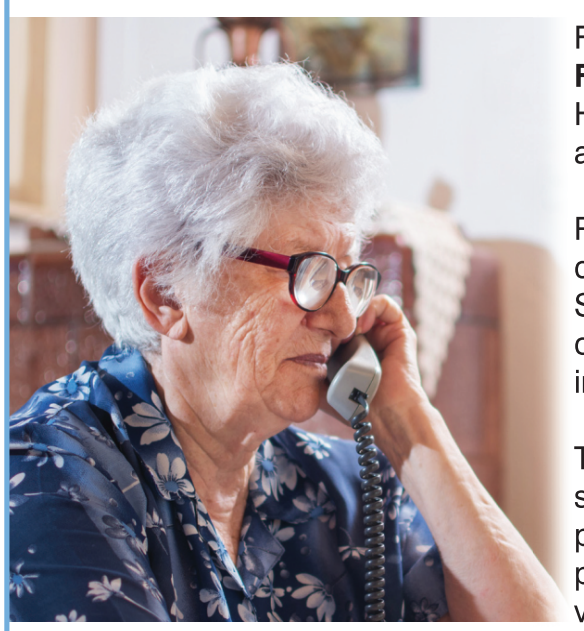

Friendly Reassurance is a **FREE** program for HOMEBOUND seniors who are aged 60 years and up!

Regular scheduled phone calls are made from The Senior Alliance, usually by other seniors, to participants in the program.

These calls help to combat social isolation, improve a person's well-being, and provide a warm, **friendly** voice for them to talk with.

Eligibility Requirements

* Be of age 60 or older
* Reside in one of the 34 communities of southern and western Wayne County.
* Access to a landline or cell phone
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